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Poloff delivered referenced demarche on December 15 to ministry of foreign affairs political director Weiner Jean Baptiste. Jean Baptiste did not know if or how Haiti voted previously on the two resolutions and was not aware that Iran and Belarus would seek to overturn the results on December 119. He asked Poloff for help obtaining copies of the resolutions and promised regardless that a representative from Haiti would be in session December 19 to vote. Haiti will not necessarily vote with the CARICOM block on these two resolutions, although they do seek harmony on some resolutions, according to Jean Baptiste. Poloff and Jean Baptiste agreed to re-address Haiti's stance on the two resolutions December 18, the date by which Jean Baptiste hopes to have more information. (Note: Poloff sent copies of the two resolutions from the UN web site which show that Haiti abstained from both votes. End note.) SANDERSON